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**REQUEST FOR FILING AN ORIGINAL UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION**  
**UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)**

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Title: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR PROVIDING ROBUST  
CONNECTIONS IN NETWORKING APPLICATIONS

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Sir:

This is a request for filing an original utility patent  
application under 37 CFR 1.53(b).

- [X] 38 pages of specification, claims, and abstract are  
attached.
- [X] 4 sheets of drawings are attached.
- [X] A Declaration Document is attached.
- [X] A Power of Attorney Document is attached.
- [X] An Assignment Document along with an Assignment Recordation  
Form Cover Sheet are attached.
- [ ] A Certified Copy of \_\_\_\_\_ is attached.
- [ ] A Preliminary Amendment is attached.
- [X] An Information Disclosure Statement, Form PTO-1449, and  
reference(s) are attached.
- [X] A Request and Certification under 35 U.S.C. § 122(b)(2) is  
attached.
- [ ] This Original Utility Patent Application is entitled to  
Small Entity Status.

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The filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

	# of Claims		Extra Claims	Rate	Fee
Total Claims	22	Minus 20	2	x \$18.00	\$ 36.00
Independent Claims	0	Minus 3	0	x \$80.00	\$ .00
Basic Application Fee					\$ 710.00
If multiple dependent claims are present, add \$260.00					\$ .00
Subtotal					\$ 746.00
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Total Application Fee					\$ 746.00
Assignment Recordation Fee					\$ 40.00
TOTAL FEE DUE					\$ 786.00

[X] A check in the amount of \$786.00 is attached.

[X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any shortage in fees under 37 CFR 1.16 associated with the filing of this application, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0206. A duplicate copy of this transmittal is submitted herewith.

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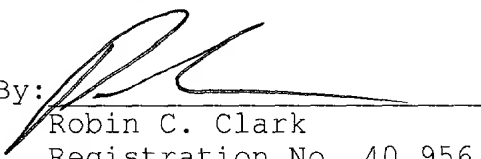
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: :  
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**REQUEST AND CERTIFICATION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 122(b) (2)**

Sir:

I hereby certify that the invention disclosed in the above-referenced patent application has not and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing. I hereby request that the above-referenced patent application not be published under 35 U.S.C. § 122(b).

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